

CLAIMS

1. A communication method in which a plurality of remote calls to at least one remote system application are issued by one or more requestor applications, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving said remote calls from said one or more requestor applications in a remote function manager;

providing one or more connections to said at least one remote system application addressed by said calls; and

dispatching each of said plurality of calls to a respective one of said one or more connections.

2. The method of claim 1 in which said remote calls are remote function calls.

3. The method of claim 1 in which said remote calls are remote procedure calls.

4. The method of claim 1 in which said calls specify traffic management data and use data, said method comprising the further step of:

providing at least a memory reference for the traffic management data and use data associated with each of said calls;

5. The method of claim 1 in which said respective one of said one or more connections is a best adapted connection of said one or more connections.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

connecting via said respective one of said one or more connections to said remote application; and

processing said call.

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7. The method of claim 6 in which shared memory of a common machine is used for said steps of dispatching and connecting.

8. The method of claim 1 in which a single thread per connection is provided.

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9. The method of claim 1 in which socket communication is used for communicating from said one or more requestor applications to said remote function manager.

10. The method of claim 1 in which calls from a systems management system are processed.

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11. The method of claim 1 in which calls to a stock exchange management system are processed.

12. A computer system having installed program means for performing the method of claim 1.

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13. A computer program comprising code portions adapted for performing the steps of the method of claim 1 when said program is loaded into a computer device.

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14. A computer program product stored on a computer usable medium comprising computer readable program means for causing a computer to perform the method of claim 1 when said program product is executed on said computer.